LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

(*Nos. 56 to 58.*)

SUBJECT NO. 56.

Improvement of localities for Panchamas.

Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai, Adi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangham, Bangalore.

Mr. Murugesam Pillai.—A certain fixed sum may be earmarked by the City Improvement Committees and Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore for the improvement of the localities of Panchama people and similar action may be taken by the District and Taluk Boards for the improvement of similar localities in villages in the State.

Dewan.—This is a question for local bodies to consider.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—What Mr. Murugesam Pillai wants is that some money should be given out of the funds at the disposal of the City Improvement Committees for the improvement of the places inhabited by Panchamas.

Dewan.—The Committees will be asked to allot a certain sum for the purpose of improving the localities of the Panchamas.

SUBJECT NO. 57.

Improvement of the finance of town and minor municipalities.

Messrs. P. R. Basavarajaiya, Channapatna Municipality, Dase Gowda, Channapatna Taluk and Kempa Setty, Devanhalli Municipality.

Mr. Basavarajaiya.—The income derived from octroi in the several municipalities is not even sufficient to meet the expenses of collection. The collection of octroi may therefore be ordered to be leased out as in the case of tolls.

Dewan.—The subject has been discussed before. There are various disadvantages in auctioning octroi. So this is not possible.

SUBJECT NO. 58.

Crediting realizations of sales of stones of fort walls to the municipal head.

Messrs. N. Nagappiah and K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk and K. Naranappa, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Mr. Nagappaiya.—According to Section 50, clause 2 (*a*) of the Municipal Regulation, fort walls and the gateway belong to the Municipality. The sale proceeds of the stones of such fort walls may therefore be credited to the municipal head instead of to the revenue head.

Dewan.—The subject is under the consideration of Government.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MUZRAI.

(*Nos. 59 to 65*).

SUBJECT NO. 59.

Improvements to Muzrai institutions.

Messrs. N. Surappa, Bangalore Taluk, Venkatamuniah Setty, Arya Vaishya Mahasabha; Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk; T. Ramachandra Rao, Bangalore District Board; Nanjundappa, Vadigenahalli Municipality; Venkatasanjiviah, Closepet Municipality; Raja Narasiah, Thyamagondlu Municipality and G. Murigappa, Gubbi Taluk.

(*a*) *Tasdik* allowances to temples and other Muzrai institutions may be revised;

(*b*) Muzrai institutions may be exempted from payment of water and lighting charges;

(*c*) A Committee of *Dharmadarsis* may be appointed for all temples, who should meet every year, under the presidency of the Deputy Commissioner;

(*d*) Moneys derived from temples should be utilised for the benefit of other dilapidated temples in the locality, instead of being deposited in the name of the God.

(*e*) (1) Collection of *puduvat* amount may be exempted from the operation of the Limitation Act and orders may be issued to regulate such amounts through Revenue authorities;

(2) *Puduvat* funds deposited in Government Treasuries for purposes of temple *sevas* and upkeep of *chattrams*, may be allowed an interest of 6 per cent;

(*f*) Muzrai institutions may be placed under the control of Local Self-Government or Municipal or Village Panchayet authorities.

(*a*) (*d*) and (*e*) (1).—*Withdrawn.*

(*b*) *Mr. Venkatamuniah Setty.*—It is hardly fair to charge muzrai institutions with water and lighting charges. They may be exempted from such charges.

Dewan.—Exemption from the payment of water and lighting charges is not a muzrai matter. The question can arise only in Bangalore and Mysore cities and the persons interested may apply to the City Municipal Councils or other authorities concerned.

Mr. Subbaraya Chetty.—The Municipality has got power about water tax. What about electric light charges?

Offg. First Member of Council.—The Municipality may make recommendations in the matter to Government

(*c*) *Mr. Nanjundappa.*—There are some private temples in which *puja* is not properly performed. Even in some muzrai temples also, *puja* is not regularly conducted. A Committee of *Dharmadarsis* may therefore be appointed for all temples who should meet every year under the presidency of the Deputy Commissioner.

Offg. First Member of Council.—Persons in charge of non-muzrai temples should arrange for the regular performance of *puja* in them and Dharmadarsis cannot be appointed for such institutions by Government. In the case of muzrai institutions, complaints may be made to the Deputy Commissioner, who will enquire into the matter.

(*e*) (2) *Mr. Venkatasanjivaiya.*—*Puduvat* funds deposited in Government treasuries for purposes of temple *sevas* and upkeep of *chattrams* may be allowed interest at 6 per cent. The interest of 4 per cent now given is too low. It may be raised to 6 per cent.

Offg. First Member of Council.—To the extent possible, *puduvat* amounts have been invested in the 6½ per cent

State Loan and will be invested so in future also. For the amounts which it is found necessary to keep in the Government Savings Bank, no higher rate of interest than is permissible under the Savings Bank Rules can be allowed.

(*f*) As muzrai institutions are not being managed properly at present, they may be placed under the control of Local Self-Government or Municipal or Village Panchayet authorities.

Offg. First Member of Council.—Reports have been called for from the Deputy Commissioners and on their receipt, the question will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 60.

Appointment of *Khajis* by Government.

Mr. Syed Khaja Peeran Sab, Muslim Association, Tarikere.

Summary of Representation.—Here and there, religious disputes are on the increase among Mahomedans. To put an end to such disputes, Government may kindly appoint Khajis from among those members of the community, who have qualified themselves by passing at least the *Moulvi* Examination.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT NO. 61.

Charitable endowments.

Mr. K. Subbaraya Chetty, Bowringpet Taluk.

Mr. K. Subbaraya Chetty.—If a person executes a will setting apart cash for charitable purposes and if his heirs misappropriate it without carrying out the charitable object, the Muzrai Department declines to interfere on the ground that it has not been put in possession of the cash. In such cases, either the Muzrai Department ought to intervene, or the persons interested in the carrying out of the charity permitted to file a Civil Suit without the payment of any institution fee.

Offg. First Member of Council.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT NO. 62.

Powers of *Dharmadarsis*.

Messrs. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk and A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya.—*Dharmadarsis* have no power over *tasdiks* over Rs. 500. They may be entrusted with full control over muzrai institutions at least up to Rs. 1,000.

Offg. First Member of Council.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT NO. 63.

Re: taking properties endowed to religious and charitable institutions by philanthropists, under the management of Government in case of mismanagement.

Messrs. Venkatasawy Iya and Dorasamy Iyengar, Chamarajnagar Taluk.

Mr. Venkatasawmy Iya.—According to the rules now in force, Government do not interfere with properties endowed by philanthropists to religious and charitable institutions. It is observed in very many instances that the object with which the properties were endowed are not fulfilled and they are being enjoyed by the heirs of the philanthropists. If mismanagement is reported in the administration of endowments, the properties and securities may be immediately brought under Government management and the object of the donors fulfilled in its entirety.

Offg. First Member of Council.—There is provision in the Muzrai Regulation authorizing Government to take